Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka States for the welfare of disabled in association with the Rehabilitation Council of India;

(b) if so, whether both the States have agreed to implement the project; and

(c) by when this project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

People's empowerment schemes in Jammu and Kashmir

2576. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any People's Empowerment Schemes have been introduced in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the name of the schemes which would cover the Kashmir Valley?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) There are schemes being implemented for the welfare of the Schedule castes, Backward castes, the Minorities and the disabled in all the states in the country. These schemes are also being implemented in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. The empowerment of the people takes place through these schemes.

There is no specific scheme for empowerment of people introduced specially in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

Inclusion of new castes in the list of backward classes of the country

†2577. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is a need of making list of

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